Objections against construction of the Tehri Dam

272. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some objections have again been raised by the department against the construction of the Tehri Dam Power Project in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) what are the objections and whether these objections are the same as raised by environment agitators;

(c) what steps are being taken to rectify the environmental hazards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Tehri Dam project was granted conditional environmental clearance in July 1990, stipulating that environmental action plans are to be prepared so that their implementation is done pari-passu with engineering works failing which the engineering works would be brought to a halt. The environmental studies action plans and their implementation have to conform to this, as mentioned in the clearance. The points on which such studies and plans have to be prepared would also cover the points raised by the environmental groups.

(c) The project authorities have been advised to prepare comprehensive Environmental Management Plan including the Disaster Management Plan as stipulated and make adequate financial allocations for their implementation.

अरावली पर्वत श्रृंखला पर वन लगाया जाना

273 श्री भंवर लाल पंवार : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राजस्थान में अरावली पर्वत श्रृंखला पर सघनवन लगाने की कोई योजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त योजना के लिए कितनी धनराशि आबंटित की गई है ;

(ग) योजना को कब तक कार्यान्वित कर दिए जाने की संभावना है ; और

(घ) इस योजना के प्रथम चरण में कितने वृक्ष लगाये जाने हैं ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्री कमलनाथ) : (क) से (ग) राजस्थान में अरावली पर्वत श्रृंखला जिसके अन्तर्गत अलवर, बांसवाड़ा, चित्तौड़गढ़, जयपुर, झुंझुनू, नागौर, पाली, सीकर, सिरोही तथा उदयपुर जिले शामिल हैं, के लिए एक वनीकरण परियोजना के संबंध में ओवरसीज इकानॉमिक कोआपरेशन फंड, जापान के साथ बातचीत चल रही है वर्ष 1992-93 में आरम्भ होने वाली प्रस्तावित परियोजना की 5 वर्ष की अवधि का कुल परिव्यय 167 करोड़ रुपए है।

(घ) इस प्रस्तावित परियोजना में फार्म वानिकी के अन्तर्गत परियोजना अवधि के दौरान, 750 लाख पौध लगाई जाएगी। इसके अतिरिक्त लगभग 1 15 लाख हैक्टेयर क्षेत्र पर उक्त कार्य पूरा कर लिए जाने की आशा है।

Existing Irrigation Potential

274. SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that existing irrigation potential created in the country through construction of reserviors is not being fully utilised due to delays in according permission under the Forest (Conservation) Act for the off taking canals; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to speed up such clearances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir. When proposals are submitted by the State Governments in the prescribed format and are found to be within the prescribed guidelines, the Ministry promoptly clears such cases.

The State Governments have been issued rules and guidelines to enable them to furnish all information to facilitate expeditious clearance of proposals under the Act.

(b) Does not arise.

Deaths caused due to smoking

275. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer of Unstarred Question No. 40 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th August, 1991 and state:

(a) what is the yearly average of deaths occurring due to diseases caused by smoking in the country during the past three years till date; and

(b) what steps are being taken by the Government to reduce the use of tobacco?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) It is estimated that in this country about 8 lakhs people die every year due to tobacco related diseases.

(b) Government have enacted the Cigarettes (Regulation of Production: Supply and Distribution) Act, 1975" under which it has been made mandatory to include a statutory warning "Smoking is injurious to health" in all advertisements on cigarettes.

Administrative instructions have also been issued to prohibit smoking, to start with, in a few selected places like hospitals, dispensaries and other health care establishments, educational institutions, conference rooms, domestic air flights, air conditioned chair cars and sleeper coaches in trains, air conditioned buses etc.

Besides, various health education measures are being undertaken to educate masses about the harmful effects of tobacco usuage.

Setting up of a high level committee for examining financial

276. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a high level committee to examine all espects of financial system of the country;

(b) if so, what are those aspects and the terms of reference, if any, for the committee;

(c) what are the names of the Chairman members of the committee; and

(d) by when the committee will submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have set up a High Level Committee to examine all aspects relating to the structure, organisation, functions and procedures of the financial system. The terms of reference of the Committee are given in the student attached.

(c) The composition of the Committee is as under:

1.	Shri M. Narasimham;	Chairman
2.	Deputy Governor' RBI (Banking Operations)	Member
3.	Chairman' State Bank of India	Member
4.	Chairman' IDBI	Member
5.	Chairman' ICICI	Member
6.	Shri Manu Shroff	Member
7.	Shri Y.H. Malegam	Member
8.	Shri Mrinal Datta Chaudhuri	Member
9.	Additional Secretary (Banking)	Member-Secretary